

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING TO ISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0063533-01-0 AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT

Permittee: Central Sands Dairy, LLC, PO Box 330, Bancroft, WI 54921

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Central Sands Dairy LLC, County Rd. G, T20N R4E Section 12, Town of Armenia, Juneau County

Receiving Water and Location: Central Wisconsin River Basin (Petenwell Flowage)

Brief Facility Description: Central Sands Dairy, LLC, is a proposed new dairy operation in the "central sands" area of Juneau County. After construction is complete, the facility will house approximately 3,500 dairy cows, 250 heifers, and 330 calves, or 5,241 Animal Units (AU). All animals will be housed under cover, no open lots. The facility will be located on 80 acres currently used for potatoes and other vegetable crops. The proposed construction consists of 2 freestall barns, a manure digester, a 22 million gallon cement lined lagoon, and associated buildings. The facility will operate under an approved Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) and routinely spray-irrigate the liquid portion of the manure, after digestion, on approximately 5,255 acres (more acreage is available if needed). The digested solids will also be routinely tested for nutrient loading and landspread according to the NMP requirements. The acreage is currently all cropland, used for vegetable growing. Corn and Alfalfa will be added to the crop cycle to utilize nitrogen and phosphorous. The proposed large lagoon will allow the facility to meet permit requirements for no spreading of liquid manure on frozen ground. Spreading of liquid manure and solids (digested manure and any other solid wastes) will be regulated under the proposed WPDES Permit.

According to Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 150, the proposed activity is not expected to result in significant adverse environmental impacts. The Department has prepared a draft environmental assessment that contains a preliminary determination that an environmental impact statement will not be required for this action.

Permit Drafter: Robert Rohland, DNR, 910 Hwy 54 East, Black River Falls, WI 54615, (715) 284-1429

Issues to be considered at the hearing: General issues and concerns. This hearing is being held due to general public interest in the project, no specific requests for a hearing have been received.

Date, Time, and Location of Hearing: Thursday, October 5, 2006, 1:00 pm, Town of Armenia Town Hall, Juneau County.

Hearing Officer: Duane Popple, DNR, PO Box 4001 Eau Claire, WI 54702-4001, (715) 839-3758

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, has scheduled for the time and place listed above, a public hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the above announced permit action for this existing discharge.

A hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly and speedy way and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to insure broad public participation in the hearing.

The hearing officer will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be used during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision to grant or deny the permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may put limits on individual oral statements to insure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group.

Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action or draft environmental assessment are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit and fact sheet (if required), may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (715) 284-1429 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (usually 20 cents per page) will be charged for copies of information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/ww>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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